




Recommended Irrigation Schedules



For “Spray Head” Irrigation Systems



Grass Lawn / Turf					
		Winter (Dec - Feb)	Spring (Mar - May)	Summer (Jun - Aug)	Fall (Sept – Nov)
	Days Per Week	Off	3	4	2
	Number of Cycles	Off	3	3	3
	Minutes per Cycle	Off	5	5	5
	Total Minutes per Week	None	45	60	30
Shrubs and Ground Covers					
		Winter (Dec - Feb)	Spring (Mar - May)	Summer (Jun - Aug)	Fall (Sept – Nov)
	Days Per Week	Off	2	3	2
	Number of Cycles	Off	2	2	2
	Minutes per Cycle	Off	5	5	5
	Total Minutes per Week	None	20	30	20
Low Water Use / Drought Tolerant Plants					
		Winter (Dec - Feb)	Spring (Mar - May)	Summer (Jun - Aug)	Fall (Sept – Nov)
	Days Per Week	Off	1	2	1
	Number of Cycles	Off	2	2	2
	Minutes per Cycle	Off	5	5	5
	Total Minutes per Week	None	10	20	10

Please note that your irrigation system may need more or less time based on various factors, such as: actual performance, distribution uniformity, precipitation rates and weather conditions. For more information, call the City of Mountain View Water Conservation Hotline at (650) 903-6216.

How to Program your Irrigation Controller

1. **Set Time & Date.** Set the current time and date. This will be stored by your back-up battery when the irrigation is off so be sure to replace the battery when it runs out.
2. **Assign Valves to a Program.** Your irrigation controller should have multiple “programs” to control different areas of the irrigation system. You should set your programs so that each program controls a group of irrigation stations (or valves) with similar watering needs. For example, you may use Program A for lawns, Program B for shrubs and groundcovers, and Program C for low water use plants.
3. **Set Details for Each Program.** You will need to enter the following information for each program. Remember that each program has its own set of start times and watering days.
 - **Watering Time.** Select each program and enter the minutes of watering time for each valve.
 - **Start Times for Cycles.** Decide what time you would like your irrigation to start, preferably between 10pm and 8am (to reduce evaporation). You should have 2 or 3 different cycles on each watering day.
 - **Watering Days.** Select which days of the week you would like each program to run.

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